Minister of Punjab seeking political influence for a favourable posting, which has been admitted by the Air Officer, he was asked to put in his papers and the Air Officer has complied.

Purchase of Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) from Poland

†4417. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to purchase Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) from Poland; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A contract has been signed for supply of Armoured Recovery Vehicles (ARV) with M/s Bharat Earth Movers Ltd:, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking who have acquired transfer of technology from a Polish company for assembly of the vehicle.

Live Shells and Explosives Sold as Garbage by Defence Forces

†4418. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that at times even live shells and explosives are auctioned in the garbage disposed off by the defence forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at times the said shells get exploded at shops or any other places;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to order an enquiry as whether terrorists are making use of such shells or explosive materials?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No live shells and explosive material are auctioned alongwith sale of scrap by Defence forces.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.